Use of super critical technology for mega Power Projects

†1447. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to set up five mega power plants in the country with private sector participation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the setting up of these Mega Power projects would be based on super critical technology;

(c) whether it is a fact that consent of several multinational companies have also been taken for foreign capital investment in power production sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including maximum target of power production?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Ministry of Power through Power Finance corporation is facilitating the Development of a few Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPP) of 4000 MW capacity each under tariff based competitive bidding route through Shell Companies. Central Electricity Authority has identified seven suitable sites for development of such Project using critical technology.

(c) and (d) No prior consent of multinational companies was sought for development of these projects. However, many international developers have shown interest for developing these projects. Pre-qualified bidders for the first two projects *i.e.* Sasan (MP) and Mundra (Gujarat) include companies from Japan, United States of America, Canada, Singapore and China. The time line for identification of successful bidders for these two projects has been set as December, 2006.

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†1448. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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